

SPF SIG Monthly Summary

August 2006

Workgroups:

- ❑ The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* met August 2, 2006. The group spent the majority of the time discussing and brainstorming the most appropriate organizations in those Counties who did not apply for an SPEP grant. The purpose was to identify the organizations that the Prevention Centers should call first in trying to set up a meeting to find those interested in implementing the first 3 steps of the SPF for their County, with the assistance of the Prevention Centers.
- ❑ The *Prevention Centers of Excellence (PCoE)* met to further create a plan of action on working with and contacting the unfunded counties and the funded counties. The primary focus for the prevention centers will be to work with the unfunded counties to build the capacity to create County strategic plans. Secondarily the centers will work with the funded counties on assessing their capacity.
- ❑ The *State Epidemiology Workgroup* met August 14, 2006. The group discussed a possible need for analysis on 3 risk groups – 1) low risk; 2) environmental risk; 3) individual risk (high risk). Drafts of the County Epi profiles were discussed and suggested edits/additions made.
- ❑ The Executive Management Team did not meet this month.
- ❑ The *Unified Governance Structure Study (UGS)* is finishing up the report, compiling the information learned. Chapter 7 on the lessons learned and the implications the study makes will be quite useful to the governor's public health workgroup.
- ❑ The Senior Staff subgroup of the Children's Cabinet (SPF SIG Advisors) met August 8, 2006. The team was updated and provided suggestions on current and upcoming events of the SPF.

Other Items:

- Contracts for the SPEP grantees were developed.
- The brochure for the Insights for Program Planners (dissemination conference) was mailed.
- The new SPF SIG Epidemiologist began August 7, 2006. The evaluation contractor (PIRE) of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention flew to Maine for a site visit and to orient and provide technical assistance to the new Epidemiologist.
- The SPF substance abuse strategic plan draft summary and the finalized 2005 assessment and epidemiological profile were uploaded onto the OSA/SPF SIG website.